



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING, PROVIDENCE 2

*Subj: Heart; Heart  
Syst. of Heart*

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The Honorable John E. Fogarty  
The House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

For your office records I think that you should have the information that, out of our fiscal year 1956-1957 federal funds allocated to us for Adult Heart Disease Control, we have made available to three hospitals varying sums of money for the purchase of capital equipment.

To Rhode Island Hospital we have paid the sum of \$1,845.00; to St. Joseph's Hospital \$5,020.00; and to Miriam Hospital \$1,000.00. This money is being used to purchase diagnostic equipment for their cardiac clinics. This expenditure was made in the Providence area because, under the Public Health Service Plan, it is our "base hospital area." These three hospitals have been doing advanced cardiac diagnosis but none of them were fully equipped to carry on this procedure in its totality. With the new equipment the hospitals now will be equally well equipped to carry out very detailed studies in cardiac diagnosis.

Sincerely,

Edward A. McLaughlin, M. D.  
Director of Health

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